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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: ARGO Meeting, 29 September 1970

1. I had indicated to regular distributees that I would add to my regular notes of this meeting by distributing separately notes (TSSG, on EKs color film briefing to ARGO. They follow:

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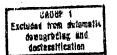
2. First on the agenda was a presentation by Eastman Kodak TK cleared representatives concerning the use of color film type SO-242. EK recommended the system approach in its use; that is, proper Kodak chemistry and EK processing equipment should be utilized. This is the only approach in which customer problems can be readily solved. At present EK has no recommended processing cycle for its SO-242 but one is expected in approximately three weeks. Examples of SO-121 and SO-242 imagery were displayed. Film type SO-360 is the only film commercially available that is recommended for use with SO-242 in the generation of color duplicate positives. SO-360 can be processed in an EK Versamat processor at a speed of nine feet per minute. EK is working to develop a color duplicating material which is more compatible (than SO-360) with SO-242. Such a product may not be available for a few years, however.

The concept of making a black and white duplicate negative of the SO-242 green record layer was discussed. This specially filtered DN can then be employed as any standard dupe negative for the generation of duplicate positives.

It was announced that film type S0-180 has been discontinued, its replacement 3413 has improved keeping qualities.

For those interested in a color negative system, film type 2445 was mentioned. This material offers a greater exposure latitude than reversal products, however, its larger grain size and lower resolving powermay prohibit its use in high altitude acquisition systems.

Direct duplicating film S0-369 has not received much use since it was put on the market. It was stated that persons who have a need for such a material should not overlook it.



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A recent addition to the EK commercial product line is 1717 Polycontrast Paper which is water resistant. It was mentioned that in the near future most color papers will be on a water resistant base support.

It was stated that SO-349 is now officially 3414 and SO-236 is now termed 1414. Film type 1414 is the ultra-thin base (UTB) version of 3414 which is a standard thin base material (STB). Both can be processed on an EK Versamat machine to which a stopbath cabinet has been added. Printing from these materials can be accomplished on an EK Niagara Printer utilizing 2430 duplicating film. 3404, our old work base, has been discontinued; its replacement is the above mentioned 3414.

A flow chart of a typical processing system was presented along with descriptions of the following Eastman Kodak equipment as it applied:

Film Pre-Inspection Table
Fultron Film Processor Model III-B
Editing Table Model II, Motor Wind
Delaware Portable Film Titler Model III
Denver Film Editing Unit (Portable)
Denver Densitometer Unit (fits unit above)
Niagara Printer (kits available to modify unit for color)
Rainbow Continuous Printer (for color)
Colorado Printer (continuous for color)
Seneca Step and Repeat Printer
Saranac Drum Printer
Beacon Precision Enlarger (3X to 153X)

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